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A mysterious new Black Comet has arrived, bearing more Black Arms. Without taking any chances, Team Dark and G.U.N.'s Spider Troupe have embarked on a mission to blow up the new Black Comet and stop the mysterious aliens from initiating another attack.

But traps have been sprung! Team Dark and Spider Troupe are locked in a room with a paralyzing nerve gas! And Shadow is confronted by a new, but strangely familiar, foe...

WHO'S WHO

SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG
THE ULTIMATE LIFEFORM

ROUGE THE BAT
SUPER SPY

E-123 OMEGA
ROGUE BADNIK

ECLIPSE THE DARKLING
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EVERYTHING IS PROCEEDING BETTER THAN I HAD DARED HOPE!
THE HUMANS AND THEIR BOMB ARE TRAPPED. ANY MINUTE NOW THEY WILL SUCCUMB TO THE NERVE AGENT BEING PUMPED INTO THE ROOM, AND THEN MY CHILDREN WILL FEED.
BLACK DEATH
BLACK ARMS LEADER
SHADOW FALL
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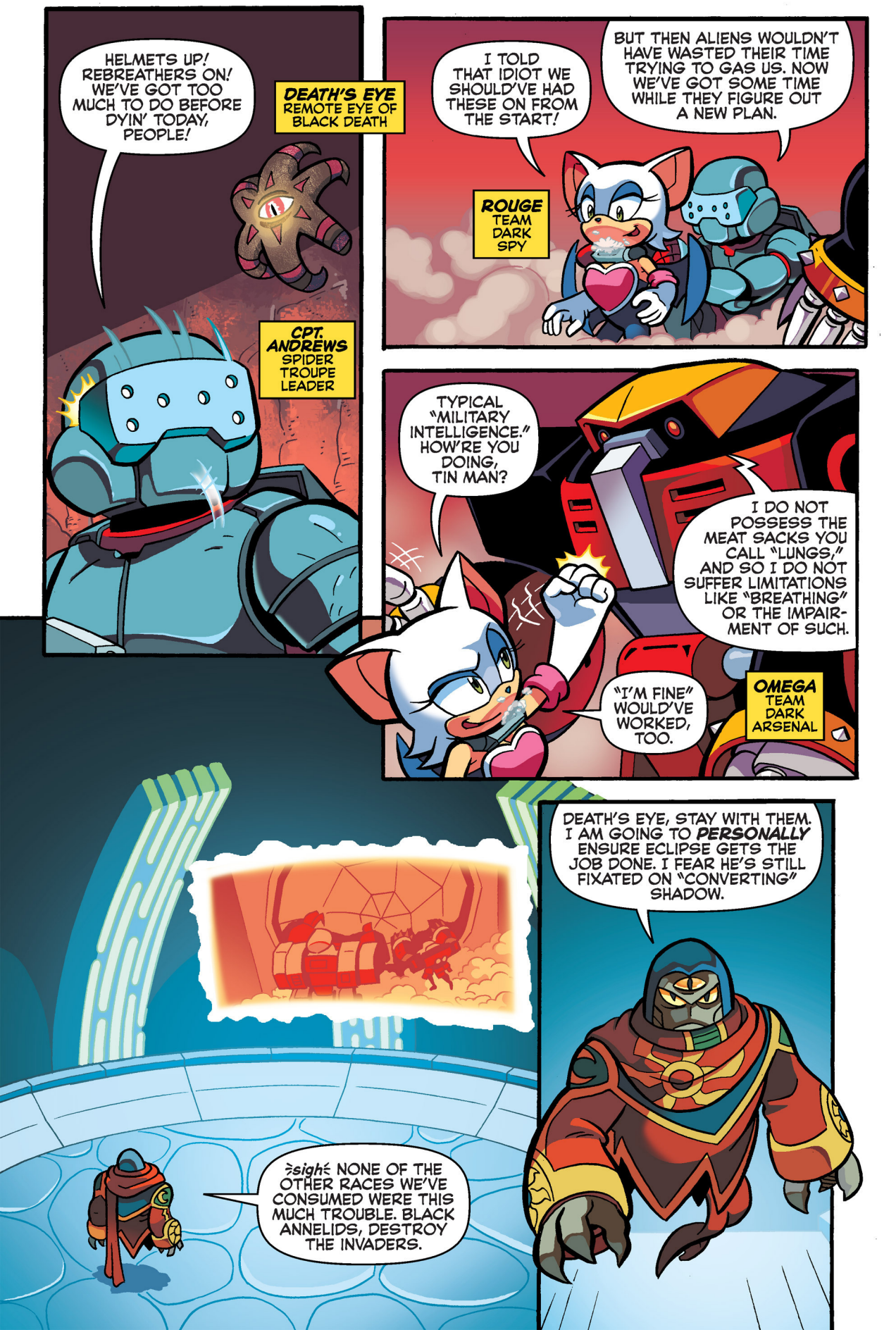
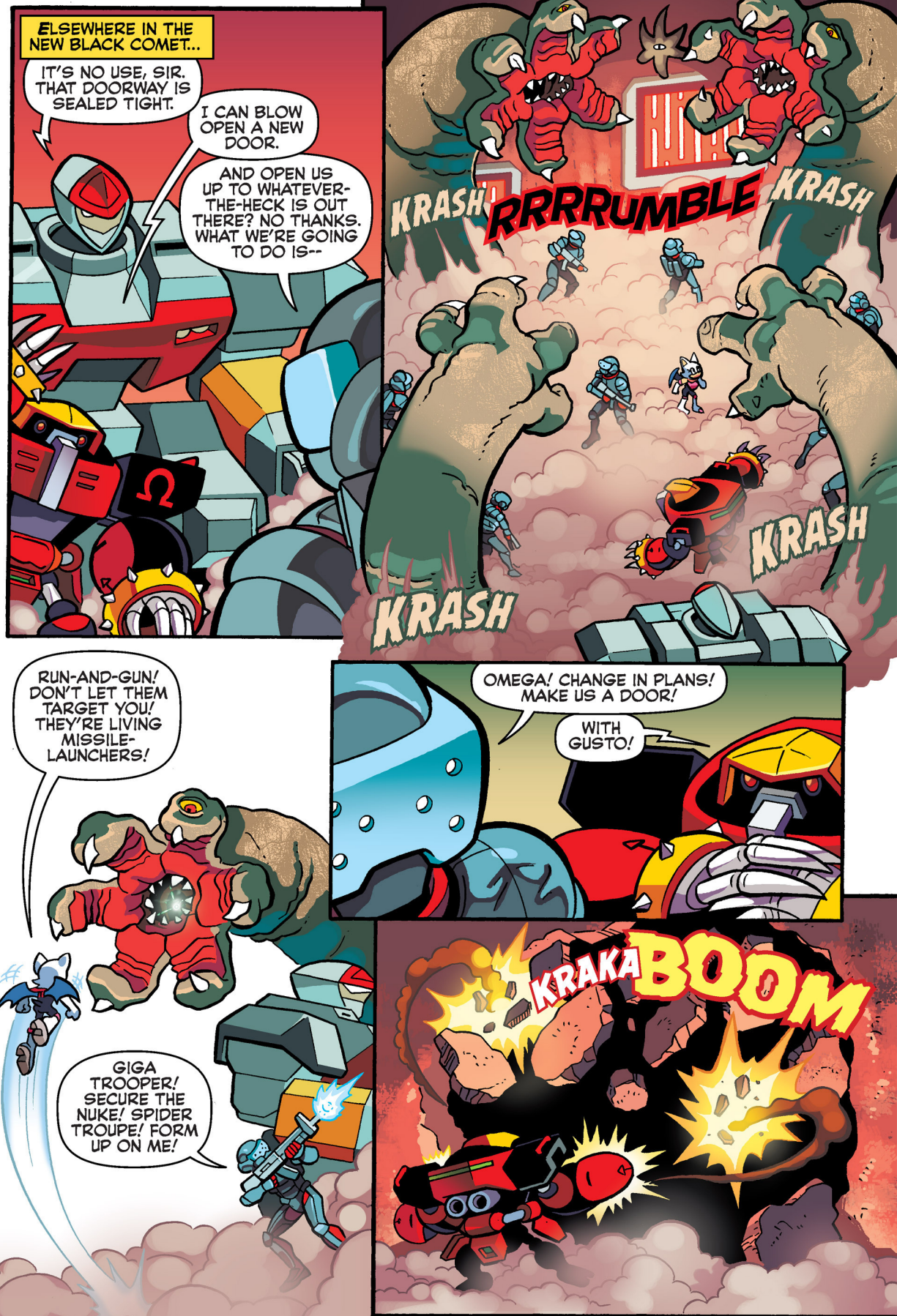
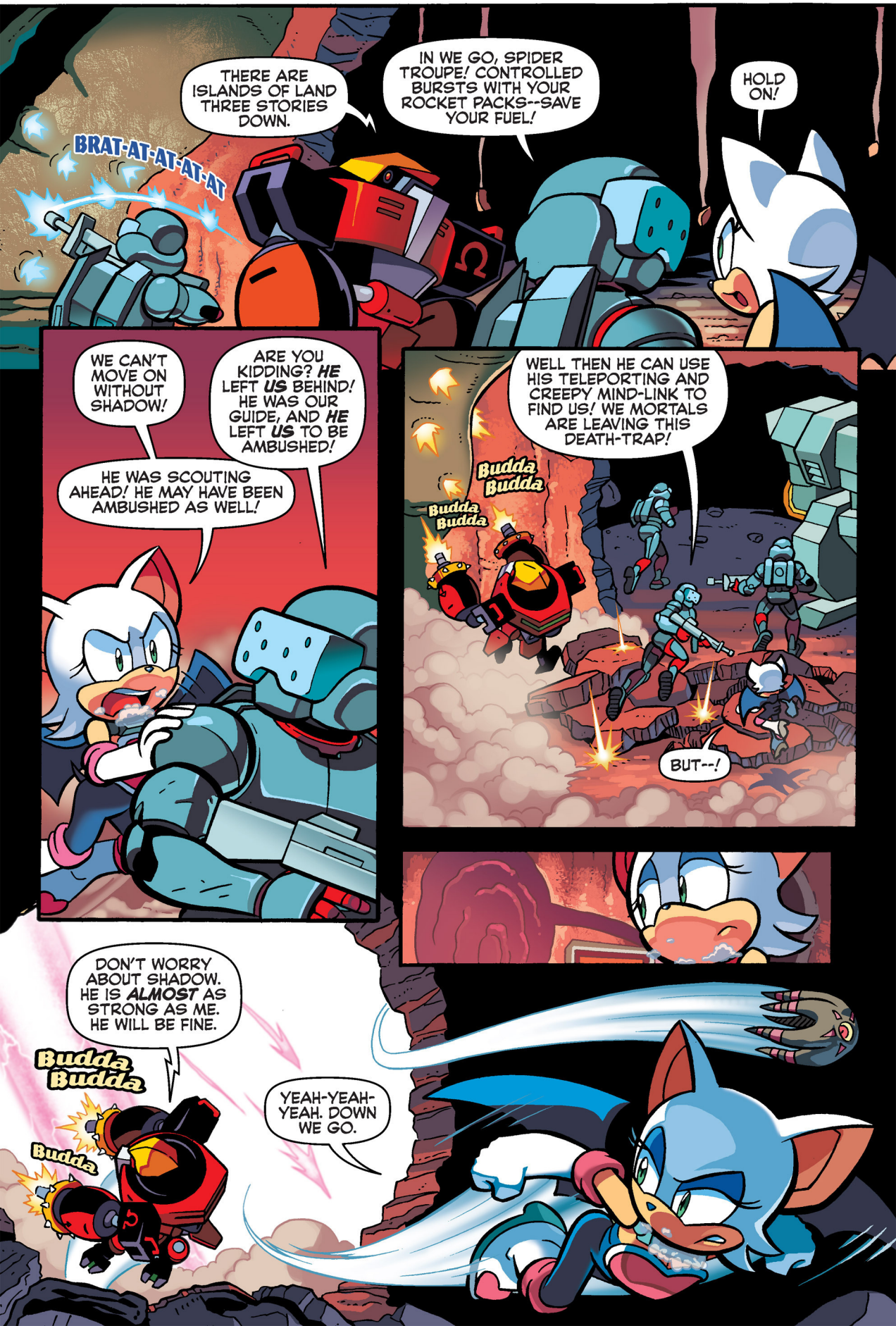
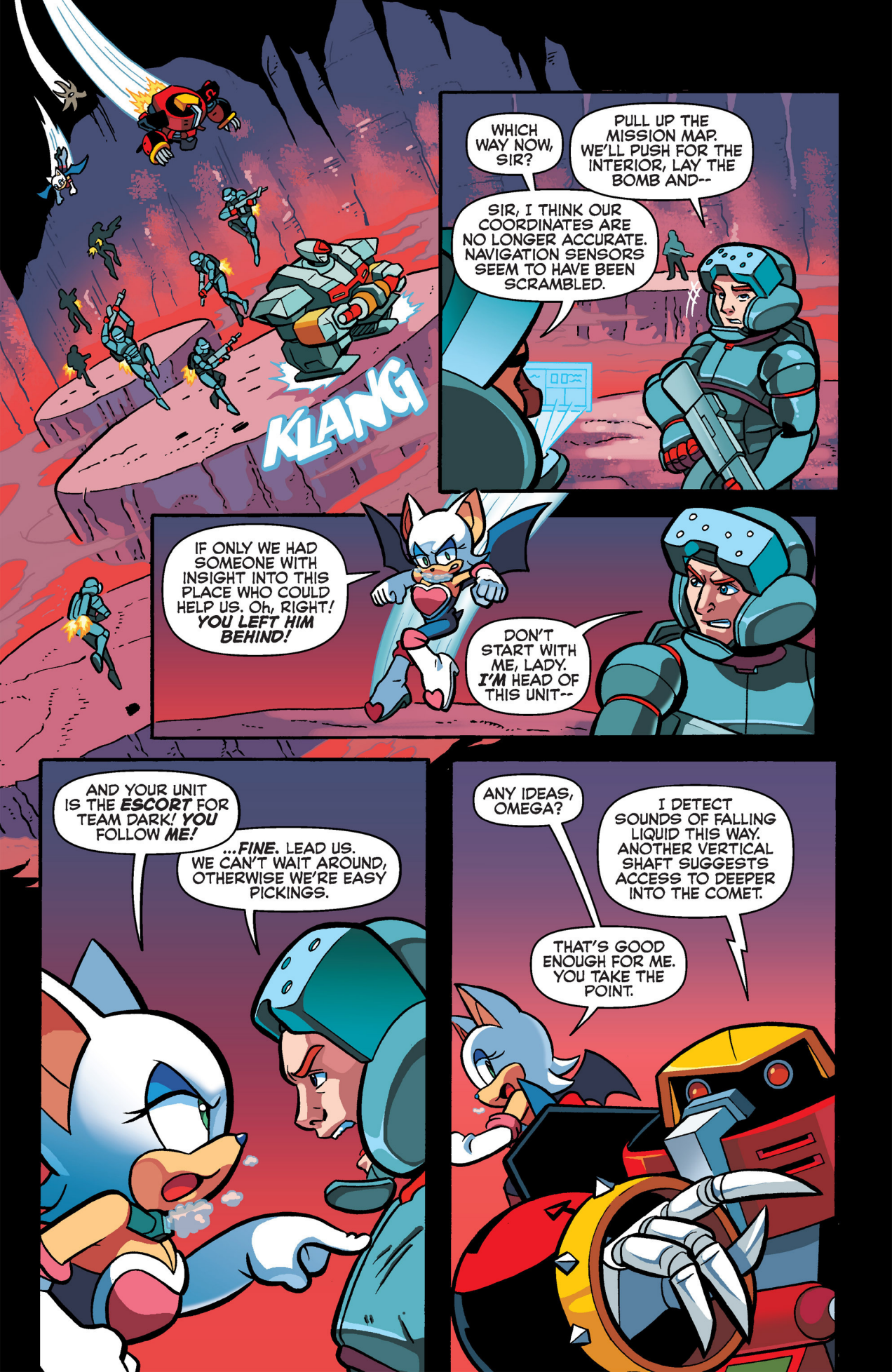
AND THE TRAITOR, SHADOW, IS ALREADY AT THE MERCY OF MY CHAMPION. ECLIPSE WILL ENACT OUR REVENGE, AND THEN NOTHING WILL STOP US FROM HARVESTING ALL LIFE ON THIS PLANET.


HELMETS UP! REBREATHERS ON! WE'VE GOT TOO MUCH TO DO BEFORE DYIN' TODAY, PEOPLE!
DEATH'S EYE
REMOTE EYE OF BLACK DEATH
CPT. ANDREWS
SPIDER TROUPE LEADER
I TOLD THAT IDIOT WE SHOULD'VE HAD THESE ON FROM THE START!
BUT THEN ALIENS WOULDN'T HAVE WASTED THEIR TIME TRYING TO GAS US. NOW WE'VE GOT SOME TIME WHILE THEY FIGURE OUT A NEW PLAN.
ROUGE
TEAM DARK SPY
TYPICAL "MILITARY INTELLIGENCE." HOW'RE YOU DOING, TIN MAN?
I DO NOT POSSESS THE MEAT SACKS YOU CALL "LUNGS," AND SO I DO NOT SUFFER LIMITATIONS LIKE "BREATHING" OR THE IMPAIRMENT OF SUCH.
"I'M FINE" WOULD'VE WORKED, TOO.
OMEGA
TEAM DARK ARSENAL
DEATH'S EYE, STAY WITH THEM. I AM GOING TO PERSONALLY ENSURE ECLIPSE GETS THE JOB DONE. I FEAR HE'S STILL FIXATED ON "CONVERTING" SHADOW.
≥sigh≤ NONE OF THE OTHER RACES WE'VE CONSUMED WERE THIS MUCH TROUBLE. BLACK ANNELIDS, DESTROY THE INVADERS.

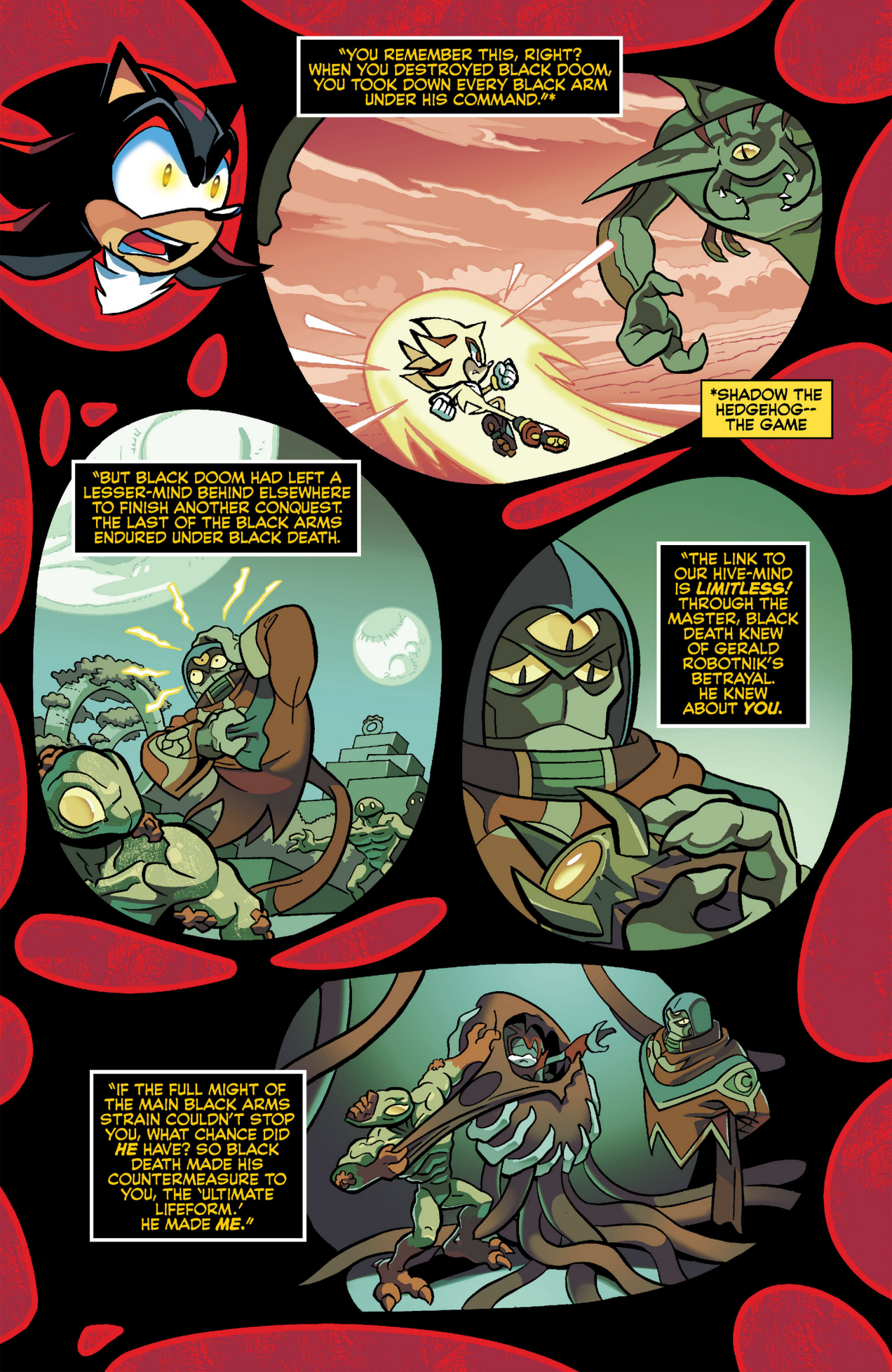
SOMEWHERE IN THE NEW BLACK COMET...
I TAKE IT YOU'RE THE NEW HIVE-MIND COMMANDING THE BLACK ARMS?
SHADOW ULTIMATE LIFEFORM
ECLIPSE ALIEN LIFEFORM
ME? NO, NOTHING SO LOFTY. BUT THEY DO LISTEN TO ME.
THEN LISTEN TO ME. ALL OF YOU GET OUT OF MY WAY AND SPARE YOURSELVES A BEATING.
Ah, AND SAVE US FOR THAT BOMB OF YOURS? YOU'LL UNDERSTAND IF I'M NOT INCLINED TO HELP YOU OUT.
Hmph. AT LEAST YOU'VE KEPT YOUR TROOPS OFF MY BACK SO I CAN CHAOS--
--CONTROL? WHAT...WHY ISN'T IT WORKING?!
YOU'RE IN MY WORLD NOW. YOU LIVE--AND DIE-- BY MY RULES!


ELSEWHERE IN THE NEW BLACK COMET...
IT'S NO USE, SIR. THAT DOORWAY IS SEALED TIGHT.
I CAN BLOW OPEN A NEW DOOR.
AND OPEN US UP TO WHATEVER-THE-HECK IS OUT THERE? NO THANKS. WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO IS--
KRASH
RRRRUMBLE
KRASH
KRASH
KRASH
OMEGA! CHANGE IN PLANS! MAKE US A DOOR!
WITH GUSTO!
RUN-AND-GUN! DON'T LET THEM TARGET YOU! THEY'RE LIVING MISSILE-LAUNCHERS!
GIGA TROOPER! SECURE THE NUKE! SPIDER TROUPE! FORM UP ON ME!
KRAKA
BOOM


THERE ARE ISLANDS OF LAND THREE STORIES DOWN.
IN WE GO, SPIDER TROUPE! CONTROLLED BURSTS WITH YOUR ROCKET PACKS--SAVE YOUR FUEL!
HOLD ON!
BRAT-AT-AT-AT-AT
WE CAN'T MOVE ON WITHOUT SHADOW!
ARE YOU KIDDING? HE LEFT US BEHIND! HE WAS OUR GUIDE, AND HE LEFT US TO BE AMBUSHED!
HE WAS SCOUTING AHEAD! HE MAY HAVE BEEN AMBUSHED AS WELL!
WELL THEN HE CAN USE HIS TELEPORTING AND CREEPY MIND-LINK TO FIND US! WE MORTALS ARE LEAVING THIS DEATH-TRAP!
Budda Budda
Budda Budda
BUT--!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT SHADOW. HE IS ALMOST AS STRONG AS ME. HE WILL BE FINE.
Budda Budda
Budda
YEAH-YEAH-YEAH. DOWN WE GO.


KLANG
WHICH WAY NOW, SIR?
PULL UP THE MISSION MAP. WE'LL PUSH FOR THE INTERIOR, LAY THE BOMB AND--
SIR, I THINK OUR COORDINATES ARE NO LONGER ACCURATE. NAVIGATION SENSORS SEEM TO HAVE BEEN SCRAMBLED.
IF ONLY WE HAD SOMEONE WITH INSIGHT INTO THIS PLACE WHO COULD HELP US. Oh, RIGHT! YOU LEFT HIM BEHIND!
DON'T START WITH ME, LADY. I'M HEAD OF THIS UNIT--
AND YOUR UNIT IS THE ESCORT FOR TEAM DARK! YOU FOLLOW ME!
...FINE. LEAD US. WE CAN'T WAIT AROUND, OTHERWISE WE'RE EASY PICKINGS.
ANY IDEAS, OMEGA?
I DETECT SOUNDS OF FALLING LIQUID THIS WAY. ANOTHER VERTICAL SHAFT SUGGESTS ACCESS TO DEEPER INTO THE COMET.
THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME. YOU TAKE THE POINT.

"WE'LL JUST HAVE TO LOOK FOR SHADOW ALONG THE WAY."
HOW ARE YOU BLOCKING MY CHAOS CONTROL?!
FWOOM
WHOA-HO-HA-HA!!
WE'RE OF ONE BLOOD, YOU AND I! "CHAOS CONTROL" IS JUST PART OF WHO WE ARE!
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
FWOOM
Oh, WE'RE VERY CONNEC-TED...
...LET ME SHOW YOU.


"YOU REMEMBER THIS, RIGHT? WHEN YOU DESTROYED BLACK DOOM, YOU TOOK DOWN EVERY BLACK ARM UNDER HIS COMMAND."*
*SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG--THE GAME
"BUT BLACK DOOM HAD LEFT A LESSER-MIND BEHIND ELSEWHERE TO FINISH ANOTHER CONQUEST. THE LAST OF THE BLACK ARMS ENDURED UNDER BLACK DEATH.
"THE LINK TO OUR HIVE-MIND IS LIMITLESS! THROUGH THE MASTER, BLACK DEATH KNEW OF GERALD ROBOTNIK'S BETRAYAL. HE KNEW ABOUT YOU.
"IF THE FULL MIGHT OF THE MAIN BLACK ARMS STRAIN COULDN'T STOP YOU, WHAT CHANCE DID HE HAVE? SO BLACK DEATH MADE HIS COUNTERMEASURE TO YOU, THE 'ULTIMATE LIFEFORM.' HE MADE ME."

"LIKE BLACK DOOM BEFORE HIM, BLACK DEATH COMMANDS THE HIVE-MIND. ALL OF THE BLACK ARMS HERE ARE AN EXTENTION OF HIS WILL.
"EXCEPT FOR ME. I'M FREE TO ACT OF MY OWN ACCORD. FREE TO THINK AND FIGHT YOU ON MY OWN TERMS. THE ULTIMATE ANSWER TO THE ULTIMATE PROBLEM.
"BUT...I'M ALSO FREE TO QUESTION IF THIS IS THE ONLY WAY. THE WAY I SEE IT, WE'RE AN EN-DANGERED SPECIES. THE BLACK ARMS ARE NEARLY EXTINCT. SO WOULDN'T WE BE SO MUCH STRONGER WITH THE BOTH OF US WORKING TOGETHER?
"TWIN SONS OF DARKNESS! BROTHERS IN ARMS! WORLDS WOULD FOLD TO US, AND THE BLACK ARMS WOULD LIVE FOREVER!"

RRRGH! I DESTROYED YOU ONCE, I CAN DO IT AGAIN!
"SHADOW, YOU'RE NOT LISTENING! YOU DON'T NEED TO FIGHT US! YOU DON'T NEED TO PRETEND YOU'RE ONE OF THEM! YOU CAN FINALLY COME HOME!"
MY HOME IS THE SHATTERED WORLD BELOW.
I MADE A PROMISE TO PROTECT THAT WORLD. YOU AND THE BLACK ARMS WOULD SEE IT DESTROYED.
MY PATH IS CLEAR!
RRGG...LOSING... CONTROL...L-LITTLE HELP...HERE...
BOOM
VREEEEEE
THERE IS NO ESCAPE FROM
DEATH'S EYE!!

YOU WERE BORN FROM THE BLOOD OF THE BLACK ARMS.

YOU HAVE SEEN THE WORST *THAT* WORLD HAS TO OFFER.

YOU HAVE OVERCOME THEIR BEST. THEY ARE *BENEATH* YOU.

PROMISES WERE MADE TO BE BROKEN.

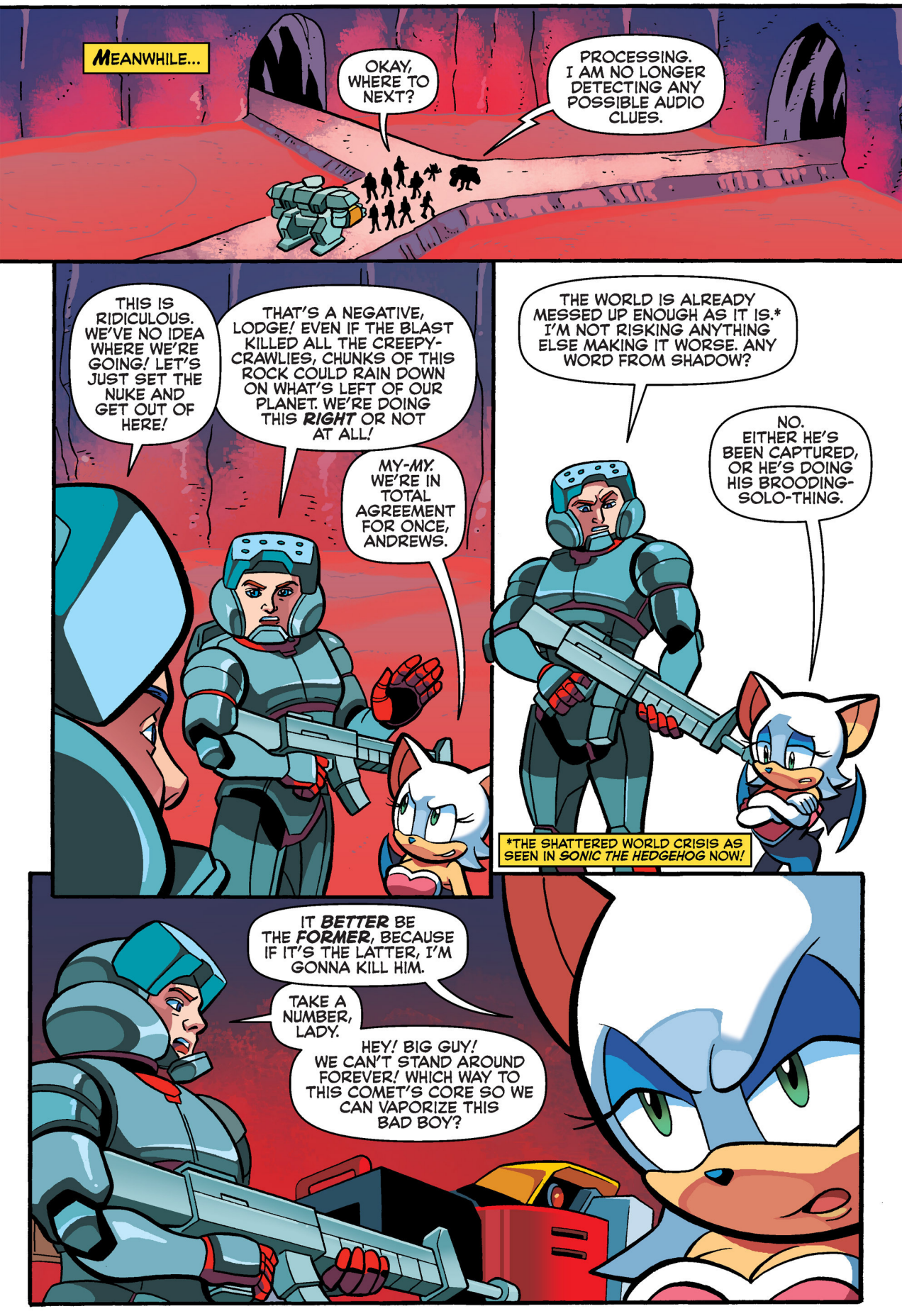
THERE IS *NOTHING* ON THAT WORLD FOR AN IMMORTAL LIKE YOU.

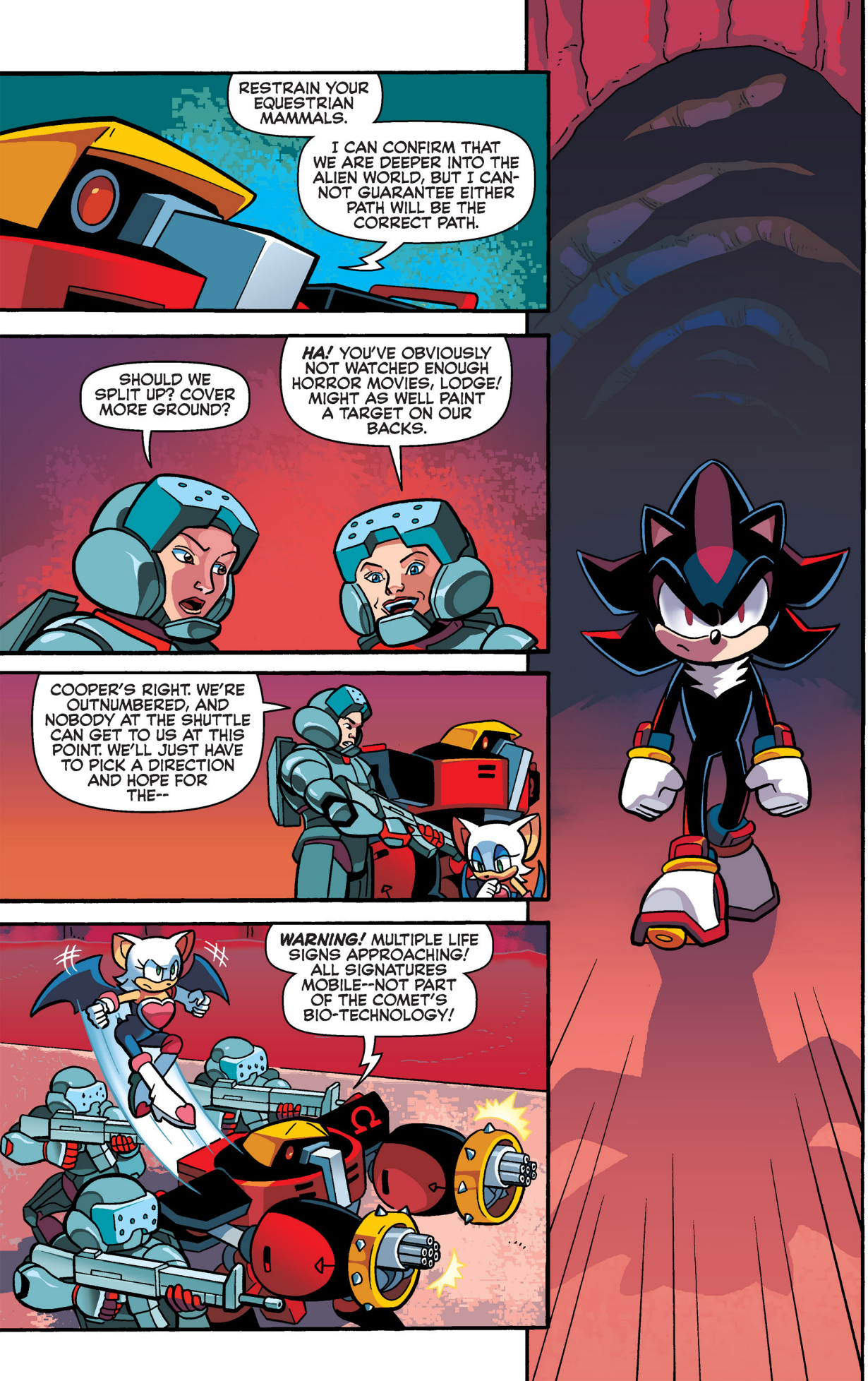
ONE DAY, THE FRIENDS AND RIVALS YOU HAVE NOW WILL MEAN NOTHING. THEY'LL ALL BE LONG GONE.

GET OUT OF MY HEAD!!
YOU HAD YOUR CHANCE, ECLIPSE. THIS IS POINTLESS. END HIM.
NO, WAIT! WE ALMOST GOT THROUGH TO HIM! YOU AGREED HE'D BE USEFUL TO US! ONE MORE PUSH AND I'M SURE--
YOU!
!
MEANT... TO DESTROY ME?... I'LL DESTROY YOU FIRST...
DESTROY-ING YOU... WOULD'VE BEEN... THE EASIER OPTION...! I DIDN'T...

LAST CHANCE, ECLIPSE. WE TURN HIM NOW OR NEVER.
YOU ARE OF MY BLOOD. YOU ARE MINE TO COMMAND.
REMEMBER YOUR TRUE PURPOSE.
NNGH!
koff! gasp!
...VANGUARD OF THE BLACK ARMS INVASION. I...AM TO BRING YOU THE CHAOS EMERALDS, AND ENSURE A SWIFT HARVEST OF THE WORLD BELOW.
I...I AM... SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG...
koff!
SEE? I TOLD YOU IT COULD BE DONE.
hack!
WELCOME BACK TO THE FOLD, "BROTHER."

REGARDLESS, YOUR PURPOSE WAS TO DESTROY HIM.
THIS IS THE SECOND TIME I'VE ALLOWED YOU TO SO FREELY PURSUE YOUR OWN AMBITIONS. HAD I NOT ASSISTED YOU NOW, YOU WOULD HAVE FAILED.
DO NOT LET THIS BECOME A MISTAKE.
THE DARK ARMS WILL BE OUR FINEST SOLDIERS, MASTER. AND SHADOW WILL MAKE US STRONGER! ALL OF THIS WILL BENEFIT US IN THE END, YOU'LL SEE.
I EXPECT IT TO BENEFIT US NOW. THE INVADERS ARE STUMBLING THEIR WAY CLOSER TO THE CORE OF THE COMET. IF THEY GET MUCH FARTHER, THEIR BOMB COULD DESTROY US ALL.
DESTROY THEM ALL! BRING ME THEIR BOMB! WE WILL USE IT TO PUNISH THE WORLD BELOW BEFORE WE HARVEST WHAT REMAINS!


MEANWHILE...
OKAY, WHERE TO NEXT?
PROCESSING. I AM NO LONGER DETECTING ANY POSSIBLE AUDIO CLUES.
THIS IS RIDICULOUS. WE'VE NO IDEA WHERE WE'RE GOING! LET'S JUST SET THE NUKE AND GET OUT OF HERE!
THAT'S A NEGATIVE, LODGE! EVEN IF THE BLAST KILLED ALL THE CREEPY-CRAWLIES, CHUNKS OF THIS ROCK COULD RAIN DOWN ON WHAT'S LEFT OF OUR PLANET. WE'RE DOING THIS RIGHT OR NOT AT ALL!
MY-MY. WE'RE IN TOTAL AGREEMENT FOR ONCE, ANDREWS.
THE WORLD IS ALREADY MESSED UP ENOUGH AS IT IS.* I'M NOT RISKING ANYTHING ELSE MAKING IT WORSE. ANY WORD FROM SHADOW?
NO. EITHER HE'S BEEN CAPTURED, OR HE'S DOING HIS BROODING-SOLO-THING.
*THE SHATTERED WORLD CRISIS AS SEEN IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG NOW!
IT BETTER BE THE FORMER, BECAUSE IF IT'S THE LATTER, I'M GONNA KILL HIM.
TAKE A NUMBER, LADY.
HEY! BIG GUY! WE CAN'T STAND AROUND FOREVER! WHICH WAY TO THIS COMET'S CORE SO WE CAN VAPORIZE THIS BAD BOY?


RESTRAIN YOUR EQUESTRIAN MAMMALS.
I CAN CONFIRM THAT WE ARE DEEPER INTO THE ALIEN WORLD, BUT I CANNOT GUARANTEE EITHER PATH WILL BE THE CORRECT PATH.
SHOULD WE SPLIT UP? COVER MORE GROUND?
HA! YOU'VE OBVIOUSLY NOT WATCHED ENOUGH HORROR MOVIES, LODGE! MIGHT AS WELL PAINT A TARGET ON OUR BACKS.
COOPER'S RIGHT. WE'RE OUTNUMBERED, AND NOBODY AT THE SHUTTLE CAN GET TO US AT THIS POINT. WE'LL JUST HAVE TO PICK A DIRECTION AND HOPE FOR THE--
WARNING! MULTIPLE LIFE SIGNS APPROACHING! ALL SIGNATURES MOBILE--NOT PART OF THE COMET'S BIO-TECHNOLOGY!

SHADOW! I WAS STARTING TO... WELL, WHATEVER.
WHERE DID YOU--?
...Oh, no... oh, no, no, no...
SHADOW-- IF THIS IS A CLEVER RUSE, YOU ARE TO CEASE IMMEDIATELY.
SAW THIS ONE COMING...
SPIDER TROUPE! AGENT SHADOW IS A LIABILITY! LETHAL FORCE IS AUTHORIZED TO NEUTRALIZE THE HEDGEHOG!
PATHETIC CREATURES, AREN'T THEY? ONLY GOOD FOR THEIR COMPLEX PROTEIN CHAINS.

SHADOW! THEY'VE TRIED TO GET IN YOUR HEAD BEFORE! FIGHT THEM!
PROBABLE FINAL WARNING! DO NOT MAKE ME SHOOT YOU!
THEY GIVE YOU ORDERS? THREATEN TO SHOOT YOU?
AW.
WHY DON'T YOU GIVE THEM A REASONABLE RESPONSE?
BRR-ZA-ZA-ZA
THOOM
VREEEEEEE
GET MOVING, ANDREWS! WE'LL KEEP SHADOW OFF YOUR BACK!
LEAVE US WITH THE ALIEN HORDE? THANKS FOR THE EASY JOB. SPIDER TROUPE! RUN-AND-GUN! ON THE DOUBLE!

COWARDS.
WE'LL HANDLE THE HUMANS, SHADOW! I'LL LEAVE THOSE TWO TO YOU, "BROTHER."
BRR-ZA-ZA-ZA
BRR-ZA-ZA-ZA-ZA
TEAM DARK--NO MORE?!
SHADOW--A PAWN OF THE BLACK ARMS?! THE FATE OF THE WORLD HANGS IN THE BALANCE AS THINGS GET MORE DIRE NEXT TIME!
UNTIL THEN, DON'T MISS SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, SONIC SUPER DIGEST, THE SONIC SUPER SPECIAL MAGAZINE AND GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!!

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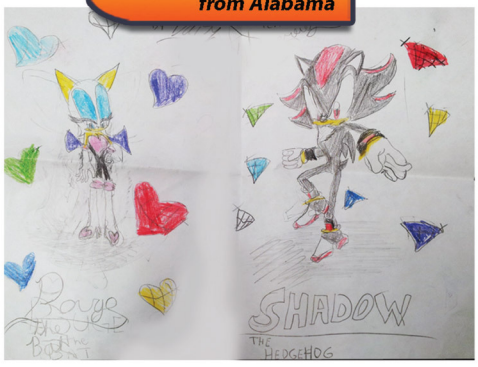

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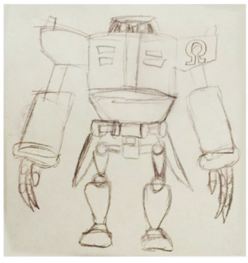

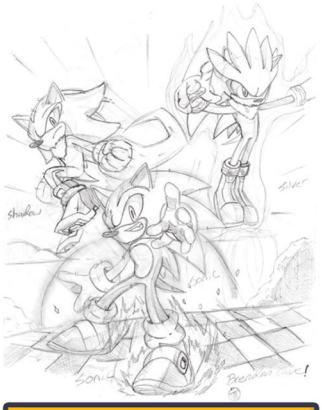

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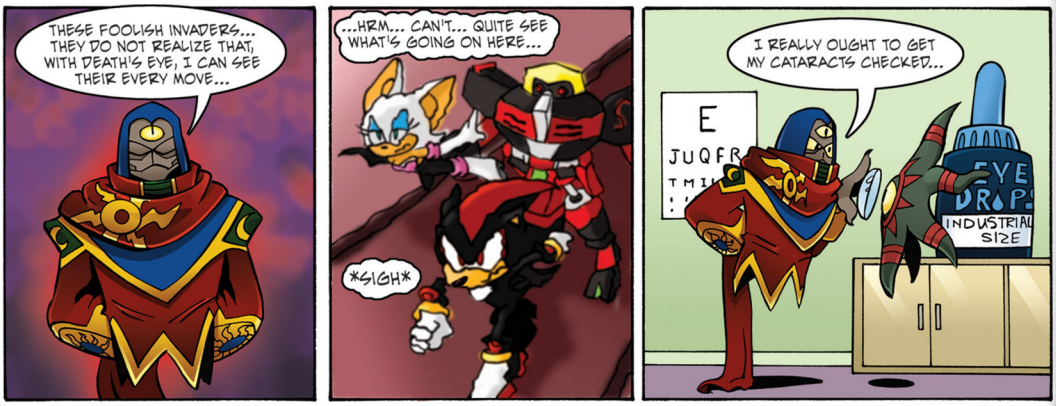
THESE FOOLISH INVADERS... THEY DO NOT REALIZE THAT, WITH DEATH'S EYE, I CAN SEE THEIR EVERY MOVE...
...HRM... CAN'T... QUITE SEE WHAT'S GOING ON HERE...
SIGH
I REALLY OUGHT TO GET MY CATARACTS CHECKED...
E
INDUSTRIAL SIZE

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Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
I have a few questions.

The "usual" makes another appearance!

1.I saw the ending of Pirate Plunder Panic. Will Captain Metal (programed in the Egg O' War) return?

Burning Blaze certainly did a number on the evil captain, but you have to remember that pirates are clever! The voyage with Captain Metal is still sailing! Read on!

2.Why does Marine talk like a pirate?

Marine actually has an Australian accent, however, her lingo is adapted from the speech heard on the seas! If you were venturing across the ocean wouldn't you want to talk like a pirate?

That is all. I hope I can write next time.

Lucas C. sent to Sonic@ArchieComics.com (p.s. I loved the crossover!)

Thanks for the letter, Lucas! You can write in as many times as you'd like, we are always happy to hear what you have to say!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
I am a long time reader and a first time writer and I will have the usual.

Ah, I see you are no stranger to how we answer fan-mail around here!

First off, I've read about the new story arc Shadow Fall in the back of a comic. You said Team Dark has to fight aliens on a comet. Does this have any reference to the 2005 video game Shadow the Hedgehog?

It does! The events in Shadow Fall occur after the story in that game and are closely related. This is an all-new Black Comet containing the last few surviving Black Arms. As for why they are back is still to be revealed! Keep reading Shadow Fall for the answers!

That's all from me!

Tanner S. sent to Sonic@ArchieComics.com

Good to hear from you, Tanner!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
Hi I am Nat from St. Louis!

Hey there pal!

I just wanted to ask if I am a bad drawer now and I want to work for Archie Comics in the future what would I do?

Nat B. sent to Sonic@ArchieComics.com

Well Nat, if you want to be an illustrator on the comics you should take a lot of art classes and aim for an art degree in college! If drawing isn't your cup of tea there are plenty of other ways to contribute to comics, but if you really want to draw them you should send in some of your current work, we'd love to see it!

See ya'll next month for part three of SHADOW FALL!

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